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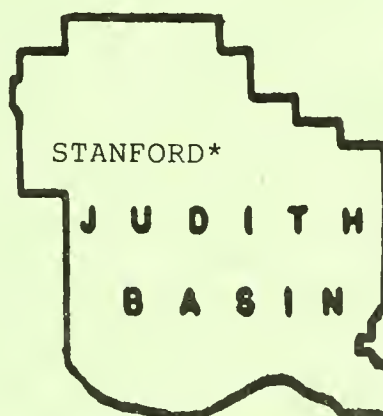
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PREFACE

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DEFINITIONS

Covered Employer (by Unemployment Insurance Laws)

To be a covered employer, an employer must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- have an annual payroll which exceeds \$1,000 in a calendar year
- acquire all or a substantial portion of a covered business or
- be subject to FUTA

If the employer is an agricultural entity, the employer must pay total cash wages of \$20,000 or more in a calendar quarter or employ 10 or more workers in 20 different weeks in a calendar year to be covered.

A domestic employer who pays total cash wages of \$1,000 or more in a calendar quarter is a covered employer.

In addition, if the agricultural or domestic employer has another business which is covered, its agricultural or domestic employees must also be reported, regardless of the amount of wages paid or number of employees.

Covered Employment

Covered employment includes all services performed for wages or under contract, unless specifically excluded by law.

Some common exclusions from covered employment are:

- individuals in the employ of son, daughter or spouse
- children under 21 employed by parent (or partnership of parents)
- real estate, insurance and securities salespeople paid solely by commission and without guaranteed earnings
- fulltime students working in a program taken for credit
- inmates working for a state correction or custodial institution
- elected public officials
- railroad employees
- church employees
- children under 18 delivering and distributing newspapers or shopping news from house to house and business establishments
- physically or mentally impaired individuals working in a rehabilitation facility

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)

Each business is assigned a SIC code that describes the business based upon its nature-of-business in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1972 and 1987 editions.

Employment

Annual average employment is the average number of monthly workers covered under the Montana unemployment insurance laws who earned wages from a reporting unit during the pay period that includes the 12th day of the month.

Disclosure Restrictions

Publication of employment and wage data is withheld for any industry level which consists of fewer than three reporting units or in which a single establishment accounts for 80 percent or more of the industry's employment.

Civilian Labor Force

The number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the armed forces.

Employed

Those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work. This includes persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation or labor dispute, whether or not they were in pay status during their time off.

Unemployed

Those persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, but were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

Real Wages

Current year wages which have been adjusted for inflation to a base year standard (1982 for this publication) to be used for accurate comparison between years. The GNP implicit price deflator was the index used for adjustment.

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TRENDS OF AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT AND REAL WAGES**(1976-1988)

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY

ALL INDUSTRIES

From 1976 through 1988, combined government employment has remained at or near 200 employees. In 1979, government employment recorded 219 employees, as Local Government added 18 employees. Government employment holding firm, total county employment has increased with the private industry employment. From 1976 through 1982, private industry gradually increased from 121 to 171 employees, with a net gain of 17 private business establishments. Since 1982, the county has maintained a median annual employment of 359. In 1988, the annual average employment for Judith Basin County was 367.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHING

Agricultural employment (in production crops and livestock) in the county averaged only 2 people from 1976 through 1982. From 1983 through 1985 employment in this industry increased to 7 (on average), but returned to its previous level. In 1988, the industry had 2 employees in Judith Basin County and ranked 11th of the county's 12 industry groups in annual average employment. Annual average wages in this industry were 2nd highest in the county for 1988 at \$18,915 (unadjusted), which equates to real wages of \$15,541 (annual average wages adjusted for inflation, based on the 1982 dollar value). Real wages in the industry have varied widely from \$11,000 to nearly \$24,000. In general, disregarding the maximum deviations, real wages in the industry have increased from \$11,000 in 1976-77 to about \$14,000 (1983-88).

MINING

Mining activity began in 1977 and continued through 1983. From 1984 through 1988 there was only minimal part time employment in this county industry. During its active years, Mining provided an annual average employment of about 4 and a median real annual wage of \$11,964. More recently employment in this industry has been limited to part time or seasonal employment and annual average wages of about \$6,000. Mining ranked 12th in employment and 10th in annual average wages (\$5,997) in 1988.

CONSTRUCTION

From 1976 through 1978, Construction had 7 to 8 employees. In 1979, the industry began to grow and Heavy Construction activity pushed employment to 25 in 1981 and 1982. In 1983, the industry dropped back to an employment level of 8 and averaged 7 employees for the period 1983-1988. Annual average employment for 1988 was 8 people which ranked 8th among the county's industries. Annual average wages in the county's Construction industry were \$11,844 (ranked 8th and equates to real wages of \$9,732. Real wages in the industry exceeded \$20,000 in 1982, but otherwise have maintained a median annual average of \$12,130 (1978-1981, 1983-1987. Real wages in 1988 were the lowest recorded for construction in Judith Basin County since 1976.

MANUFACTURING

Over the review period, Judith Basin County manufacturing has steadily increased from 4 employees in 1976, to 16 employees in 1988 (ranked 6th in annual average employment). Annual average wages were \$9,911 (real wages \$8,144) in 1988. Real wages in the industry have fluctuated, from year to year, between \$8,000 and \$10,500, exceeding that in 1985 with real wages of \$11,227. Over the review period the county made a net gain of 2 establishments. The majority of manufacturing employment in the county is in Lumber.

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES*

From 1977 to 1988, *TCPU grew from 4 employees to 32 employees, recording a loss of employment (4) in only one year (1983) along the way. The county gained 2 establishments over this period and most of the employment was generated in Transportation. In 1988, the industry ranked 5th in annual average employment and 5th in annual average wages (\$14,894). Real wages, though decreasing in the last three years of the review, have increased nearly \$3,000 per year. Real wages in the industry were at their highest from 1983-1985. In 1985 real wages in TCPU peaked at \$16,278 and by 1988 had fallen to \$12,238.

WHOLESALE TRADE

Employment in the Wholesale industry in Judith Basin County has declined over the period of this review. There were 15 employees in the industry in 1976 and by 1988 this had dropped to 7 employees (ranked 9th in annual average employment). Annual average wages in Wholesale Trade were \$14,185 in 1988 (real wages of \$11,655) which ranked 6th among the county's industries. Real wages in the industry have been increasing since 1980 but have experienced lows near \$8,000 (1983) and a high of \$13,512 (1985). In the early years of the review period (1976-1980) real wages averaged out at \$8,753 per year.

RETAIL TRADE

Employment in the county's Retail industry peaked in 1979-1980 with 88 employees, an addition of nearly 20 employees over 1976. From 1981 through 1987 the county lost 38 employees and 5 (net) establishments in this industry. For three consecutive years (1985-1987) industry employment declined at a rate of 10 people per year. In 1988, Retail Trade employed 51 people in the county (ranked 2nd), but more importantly, the industry ceased its annual employment loss and posted a gain. Annual average wages in Retail were \$5,428 in 1988 (ranked 11th of the county's 12 industries). Real wages remained at the same level for the last three years of the review period and were \$4,460 in 1988. By comparison, from 1976 through 1980, annual real wages averaged \$6,506.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE*

Employment by the *FIRE industry has remained stable for the 13 year review period. The industry has varied from 10 to 14 employees with a median employment of 12. In 1988, the industry had 12 employees (ranked 7th) in Judith Basin County and had the county's highest annual average wage of \$19,984 (real wage of \$16,420). Finance, Insurance & Real Estate began the review period averaging \$18,615 in annual real wages (1976-1978); increased to \$23,905 in 1981; and from 1982, dropped to a low of \$10,827 in 1987. In 1988, real wages were higher than in the previous three years.

SERVICES

Across the state and across the nation, the Services industry has grown considerably. In Judith Basin County this industry employed fewer than 10 people during the first half of the review period. Except for a small loss of employment in 1985, the industry has increased employment every year since 1981. In 1988, Services had an annual average of 37 employees (ranked 4th) and annual average wages of \$5,158. Real wages have decreased over the review period from \$6,847 in 1976 to a low of \$3,483 in 1983, and \$4,289 in 1988. In 1976, there were 3 establishments (employers) and in 1988 the county had 11 service establishments. Much of the difference or decline in real wages can be attributed to the increased usage of part time and temporary employees.

GOVERNMENT

Government employment in the county has remained at about 200 over the period of the review. Local government increased employment by 18 in 1979 and combined government employment that year was the highest of the review period at 219. In 1988, there were 150 Local government employees (ranked 1st in annual average employment) with annual average wages of \$14,029 (ranked 7th, \$11,526 real wages); there were 40 Federal government employees (ranked 3rd in annual average employment) with annual average wages of \$18,054 or \$14,833 in real wages (ranked 4th); and there were 7 State government employees (ranked 10th in employment) with annual average wages of \$18,554 or real wages of \$15,244.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE LABOR FORCE

Since 1981, Judith Basin County has maintained an unemployment rate lower than the state's average rate. From 1978-1980, the county's rate exceeded the state average but at the same time the county increased total employment by 23 and showed employment losses only in 1988. The county's labor force remained at about 1,200 through 1983, adding more than 100 in 1984, and rose to 1,441 by 1988. Most of the gain was due to increased employment in Manufacturing; Transportation, Communications, & utilities; and Services. During the last three years of the review the county's unemployment rate has remained nearly 3% below Montana's rate and in 1988 Judith Basin County's unemployment rate was 4.3%.

NEW BUSINESSES

Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Judith Basin County has had 24 new business starts in the past three years, with 14 of these in 1988. There were 6 business starts in Services, 5 in Trade, and 4 in Manufacturing. The majority of the new business starts favored the summer months and the first two months of the year.

POPULATION

In each of the decennial censuses (1930-1980) the population of Judith Basin County has declined and the Montana population has increased. In 1930, the county had 5,238 residents and comprised 1.0% of the Montana population. In the 1980 census, the county population had fallen to 2,646 and the state population had increased (gaining 249,084 residents) to 786,690. Subsequently, the county then comprised only 0.3% of the Montana population. Estimates of the population for 1988 place the Montana population at 805,000 and the county's population at 2,500, holding at 0.3% of the total state population.

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JUDITH BASIN COUNTY LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

1988	1,441
1987	1,398
1986	1,365

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1988	4.3%
1987	4.6%
1986	5.3%

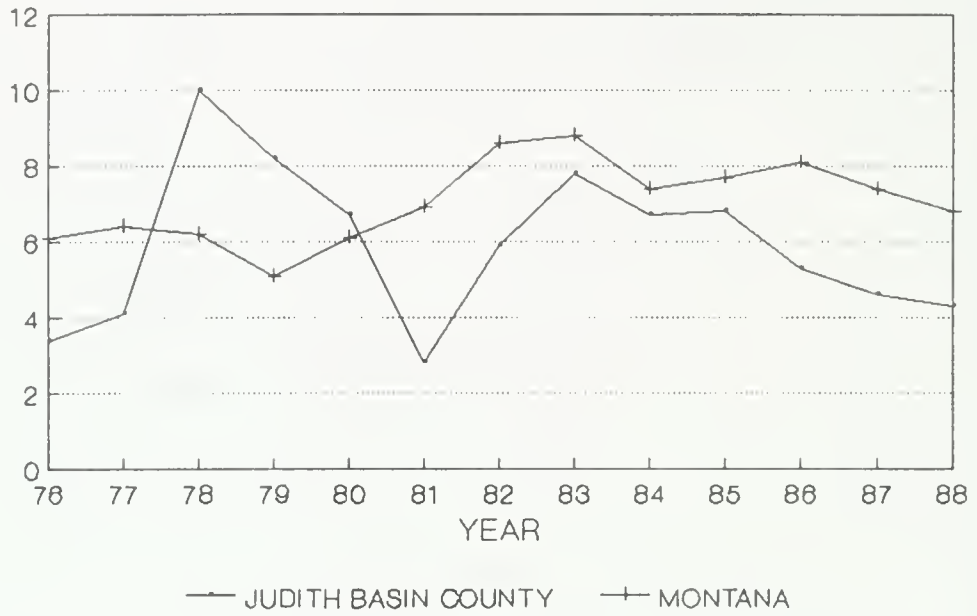
EMPLOYED PERSONS

1988	1,379
1987	1,333
1986	1,292

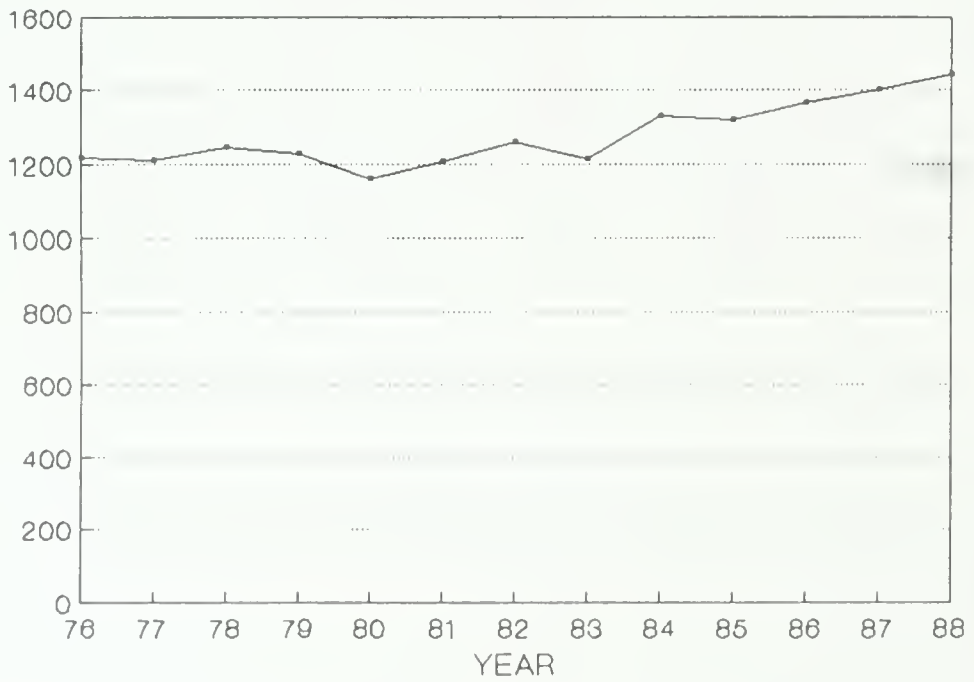
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

1988	62
1987	65
1986	73

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JUDITH BASIN COUNTY AND MONTANA



LABOR FORCE



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Total Payments

1988	\$ 39,604
1987	\$ 42,120
1986	\$ 44,576

Number of Payments

1988	327
1987	341
1986	346

Average Weekly Payment

1988	\$121.10
1987	\$123.50
1986	\$128.80

Although the average weekly benefit amount increased by \$3.00 in 1988, the total number of payments decreased by 792, and the total amount of payments dropped by \$73,822. Compared to 1986, there were 2,082 fewer payments in 1988 and total payments within the county dropped \$212,725.


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JUDITH BASIN COUNTY BUSINESSES

Covered by Unemployment Insurance

4	School Districts
3	Construction Firms
6	Manufacturing Establishments including 4 in the Lumber industry
4	Transportation & Public Utility Establishments
3	Wholesalers (Nondurable Goods)
3	Food Stores
5	Restaurants
3	Taverns
11	Service Establishments including Lodging, Personal, Health, Legal & Social Services.
34	Other Establishments

76	Total Establishments
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JUDITH BASIN
NEW BUSINESSES

(INCLUDES NEW & CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)

BY INDUSTRY

	1986	1987	1988
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AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY			
& FISHERIES	0	1	1
MINING	0	1	0
CONSTRUCTION	0	0	3
MANUFACTURING	2	0	2
TCPU*	0	1	1
TRADE	1	0	4
FIRE**	0	0	0
SERVICES	0	3	3
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	0	1	0
NONCLASSIFIABLE			
ESTABLISHMENTS	0	0	0
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TOTAL	3	7	14

*TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES

**FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE

BY MONTH

	1986	1987	1988
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JANUARY	0	1	2
FEBRUARY	0	1	2
MARCH	1	0	0
APRIL	0	1	2
MAY	0	0	1
JUNE	0	0	2
JULY	0	2	1
AUGUST	1	1	1
SEPTEMBER	0	1	2
OCTOBER	0	0	1
NOVEMBER	0	0	0
DECEMBER	1	0	0
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TOTAL	3	7	14

JUDITH BASIN
INDUSTRY RANKINGS
FOR THE YEAR 1988

INDUSTRY GROUPS RANKED BY AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT

1.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	150
2.	RETAIL TRADE	51
3.	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	40
4.	SERVICES	37
5.	T.C.P.U.*	32
6.	MANUFACTURING	16
7.	F.I.R.E.**	12
8.	CONSTRUCTION	8
9.	WHOLESALE TRADE	7
10.	STATE GOVERNMENT	7
11.	AG. SERV., FOR., FISH.	2
12.	MINING	1

INDUSTRY GROUPS RANKED BY AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE

1.	F.I.R.E.**	\$19,984
2.	AG. SERV., FOR., FISH.	18,915
3.	STATE GOVERNMENT	18,554
4.	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	18,054
5.	T.C.P.U.*	14,894
6.	WHOLESALE TRADE	14,185
7.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	14,029
8.	CONSTRUCTION	11,844
9.	MANUFACTURING	9,911
10.	MINING	5,997
11.	RETAIL TRADE	5,428
12.	SERVICES	5,158

*TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

**FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN MONTANA BY
STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION FOR 1988

JUDITH BASIN	045	SIC CODE	ESTAB- LISH- MENTS	AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT	ANNUAL WAGES PAID	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE	AVERAGE UI TAX RATE
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES			74	367	4,537,110	12,363	1.00
PRIVATE (OWNERSHIP 5)			52	169	1,580,649	9,353	2.20
AGRI, FOR, FISH		D					
AGRI PROD CROP		01 D					
AGRI PRO LIVESTK		02 D					
MINING		D					
MINING & QRY NONMETL		14 D					
CONSTRUCTION			3	8	94,761	11,845	3.93
GENERAL BUILDING		15 D					
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION		16 D					
SPECIAL TRADE		17 D					
MANUFACTURING			6	16	158,584	9,912	2.50
FOOD PRODUCTS		20 D					
LUMBER		24	4	15	143,610	9,574	2.45
RUBBER-MISC PLAST		30 D					
TRANS. COMM. & PU			4	32	476,639	14,895	2.50
TRUCKING-WAREHOUSE		42 D					
ELECT-GAS-SAN-SER		49 D					
WHOLESALE TRADE			3	7	99,301	14,186	1.36
NONDURABLE		51	3	7	99,301	14,185	1.36
RETAIL TRADE			17	51	276,849	5,428	1.98
FOOD STORES		54	3	7	49,051	7,007	1.11
AUTO DIRS-SVC ST		55	3	8	48,411	6,051	1.27
EATING & DRINKING		58	8	31	148,171	4,779	2.28
MISC RETAIL		59 D					
FIN., INS., R.E			3	12	239,818	19,985	1.10
BANKING		60 D					
INS AGENTS-BRKS		64 D					
SERVICES			11	37	190,864	5,159	2.13
HOTELS & LODGING		70 D					
PERSONAL SERVICE		72 D					
AMUS & REC SERVICES		79 D					
HEALTH SERVICES		80 D					
LEGAL SERVICES		81 D					
SOCIAL SERVICES		83	3	12	25,112	2,092	1.90
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD		88 D					
GOVERNMENT			21	197	2,956,461	15,007	.29
STATE			5	7	129,884	18,554	.26
LOCAL			8	150	2,104,399	14,029	.29
FEDERAL			8	40	722,177	18,054	.00

1988 UNADJUSTED AND REAL AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES**

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>SIC</u>	<u>UNADJUSTED</u>		<u>REAL</u>	
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
TOTAL		\$4,537,110	\$12,363	\$3,727,690	\$10,157
PRIVATE		\$1,580,649	\$9,353	\$1,298,661	\$7,684
AG, FOR, FISH		D			
AG PROD CROP	1	D			
AG PROD LIVESTOCK	2	D			
MINING		D			
NON-METAL MINING	14	D			
CONSTRUCTION		\$94,761	\$11,845	\$77,856	\$9,732
GENERAL BUILDING	15	D			
HEAVY CONST	16	D			
SPECIAL TRADE CONST	17	D			
MANUFACTURING		\$158,584	\$9,912	\$130,293	\$8,144
FOOD PRODUCTS	20	D			
LUMBER	24	\$143,610	\$9,574	\$117,990	\$7,866
RUBBER-PLASTIC	30	D			
TRANS COMM & PUB UTIL		\$476,639	\$14,895	\$391,607	\$12,238
TRUCKING/WAREHOUSE	42	D			
ELECT/GAS/SAN SVCS	49	D			
WHOLESALE TRADE		\$99,301	\$14,186	\$81,586	\$11,655
NONDURABLE	51	\$99,301	\$14,186	\$81,586	\$11,655
RETAIL TRADE		\$276,849	\$5,428	\$227,459	\$4,460
FOOD STORES	54	\$49,051	\$7,007	\$40,300	\$5,757
AUTO DLRS-SVC STA	55	\$48,411	\$6,051	\$39,774	\$4,972
EATING & DRINKING	58	\$148,171	\$4,779	\$121,737	\$3,926
MISC RETAIL	59	D			
FIN/INS/REAL EST		\$239,818	\$19,985	\$197,034	\$16,420
BANKING	60	D			
INS AGENTS/BROKERS	64	D			
SERVICES		\$190,864	\$5,159	\$156,814	\$4,239
HOTELS & LODGING	70	D			
PERSONAL SERVICES	72	D			
AMUSE & REC SERV	79	D			
HEALTH SERVICES	80	D			
LEGAL SERVICES	81	D			
SOCIAL SERVICES	83	\$25,112	\$2,092	\$20,632	\$1,719
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS	88	D			

1988 UNADJUSTED AND REAL AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES**

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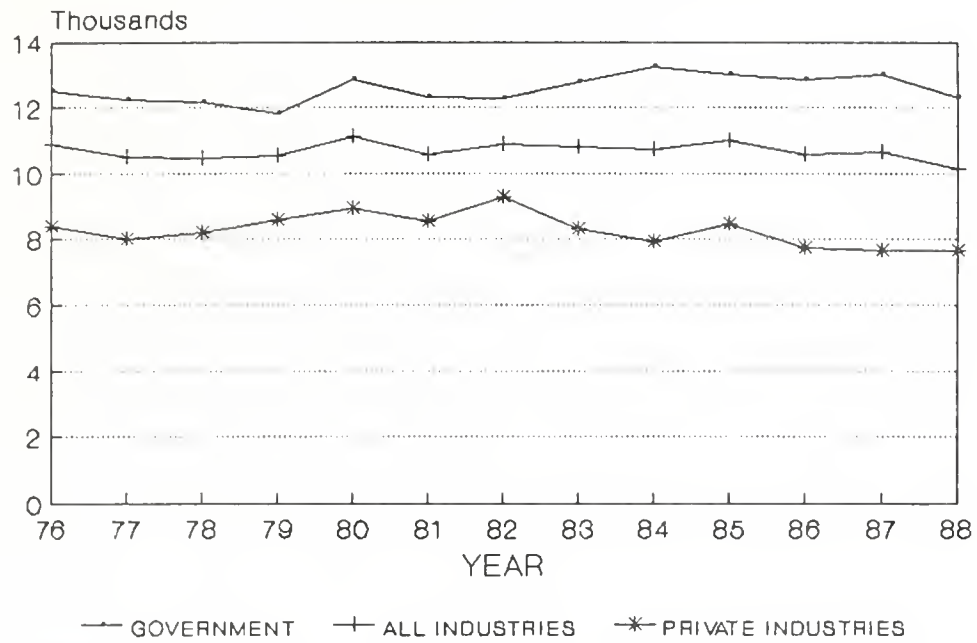
<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>SIC</u>	<u>UNADJUSTED</u>		<u>REAL</u>	
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
GOVERNMENT		\$2,956,461	\$15,007	\$2,429,028	\$12,330
STATE		\$129,884	\$18,554	\$106,713	\$15,244
LOCAL		\$2,104,399	\$14,029	\$1,728,974	\$11,526
FEDERAL		\$722,177	\$18,054	\$593,341	\$14,833

*Pipelines, except natural gas

**Real wages are raw wages that have been adjusted for
inflation (1982 dollars)

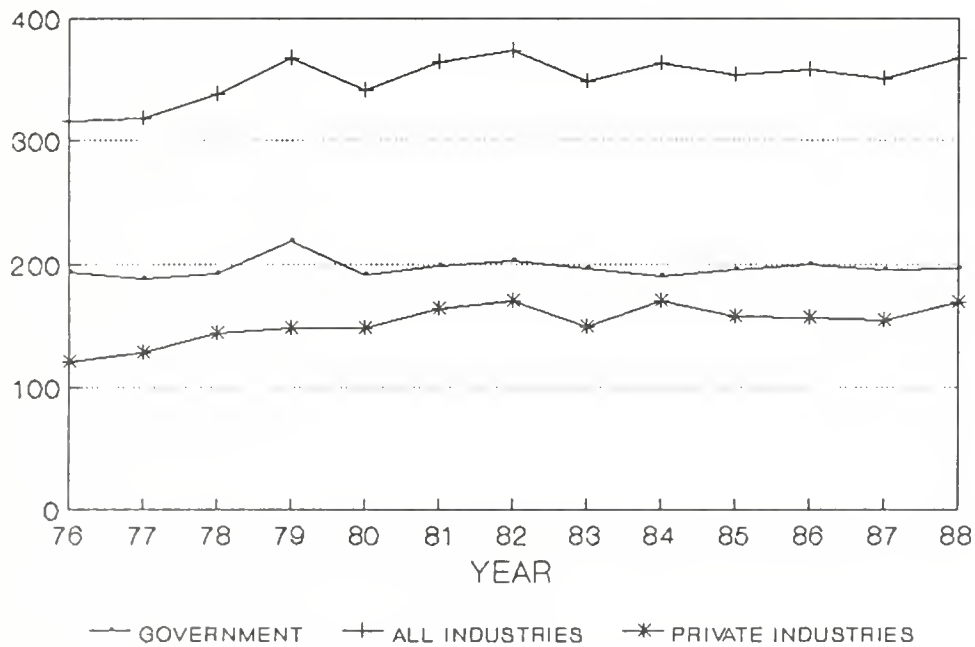
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AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES*



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AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT

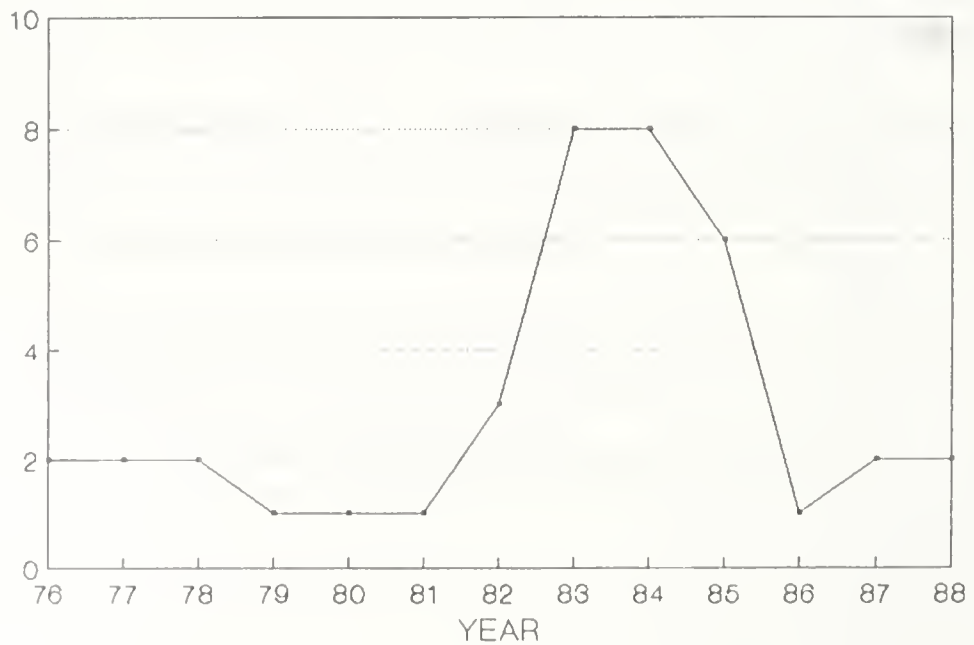


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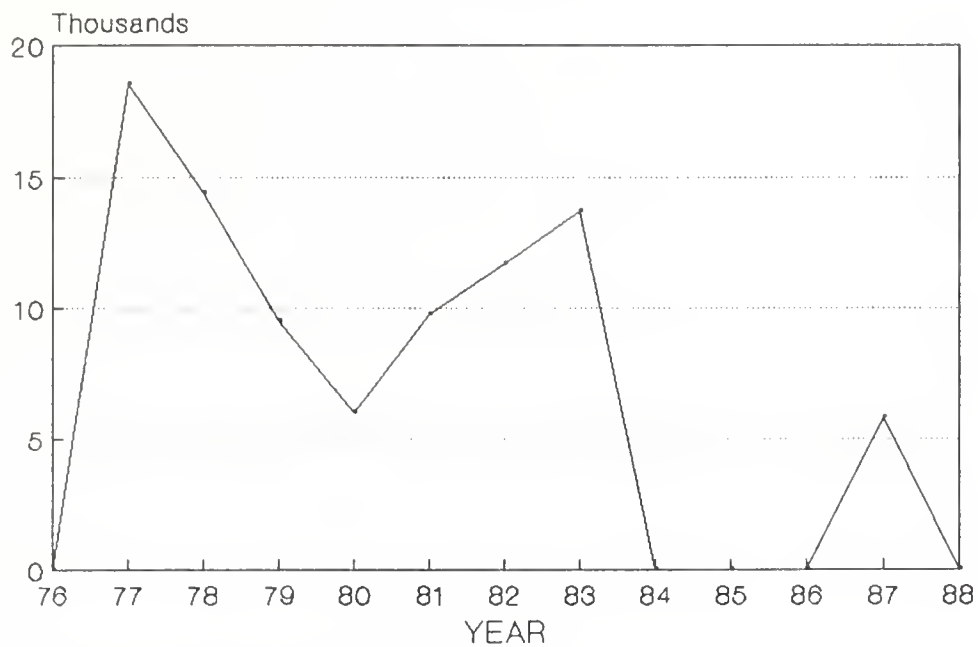


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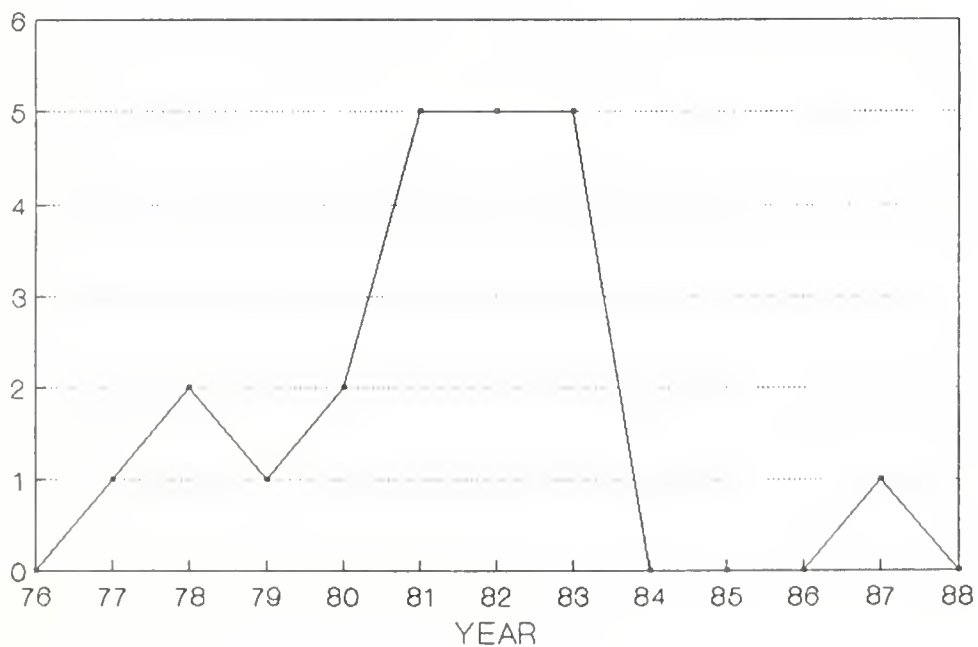


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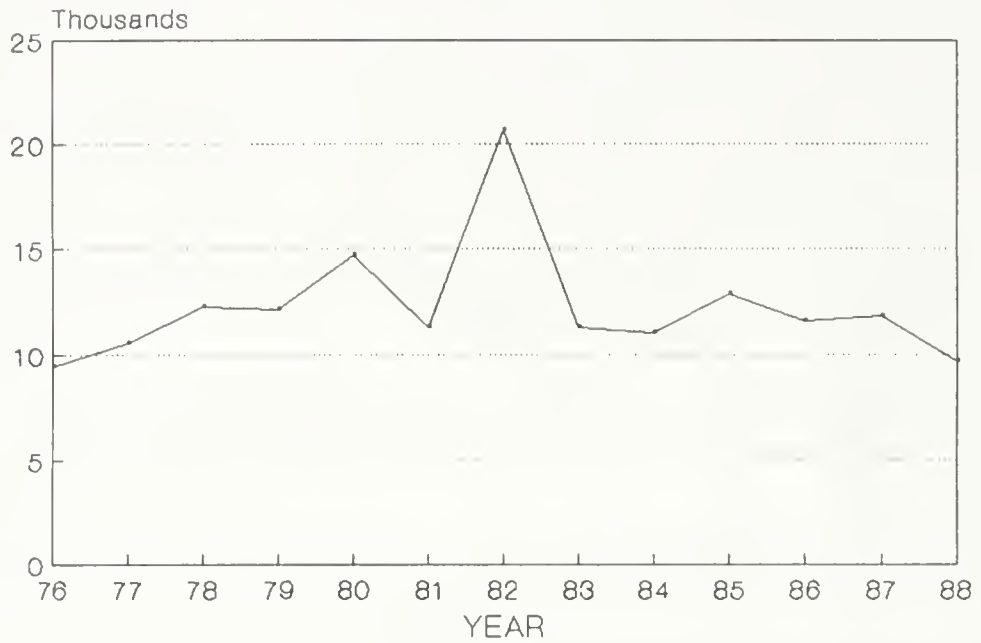


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AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT MINING

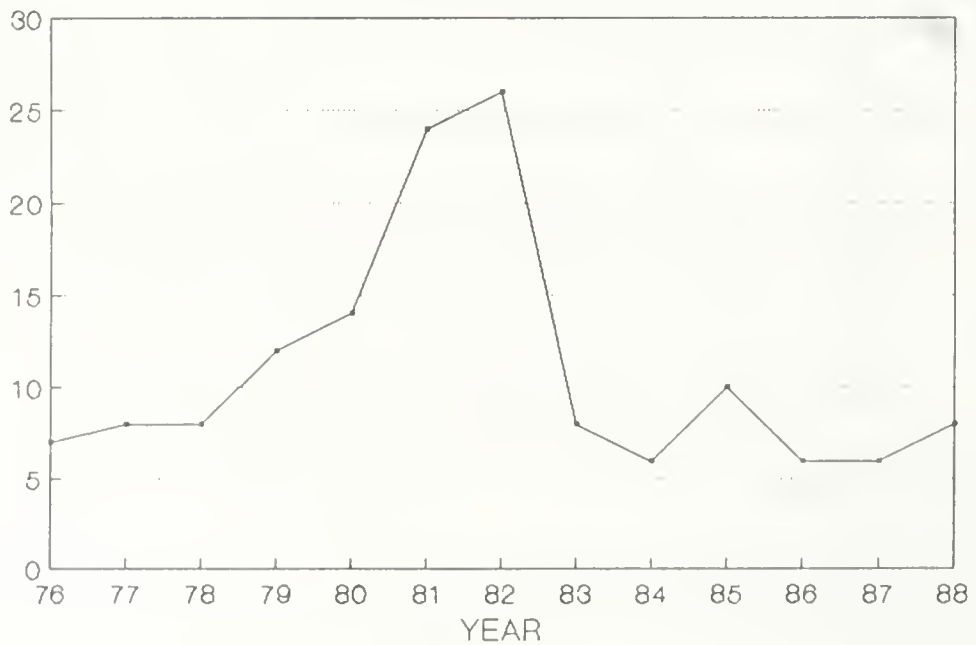


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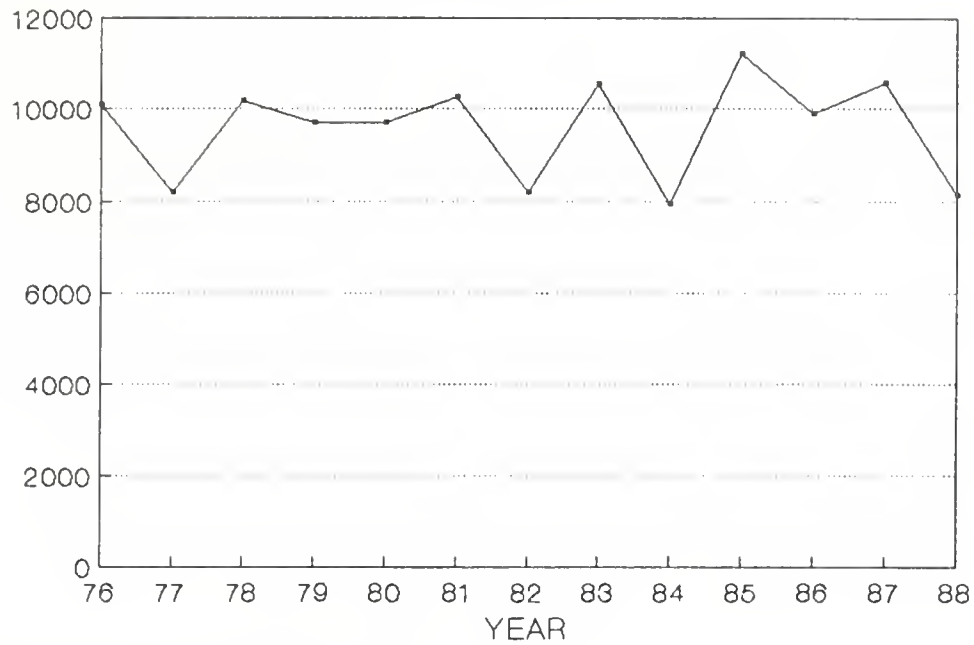


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AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT CONSTRUCTION

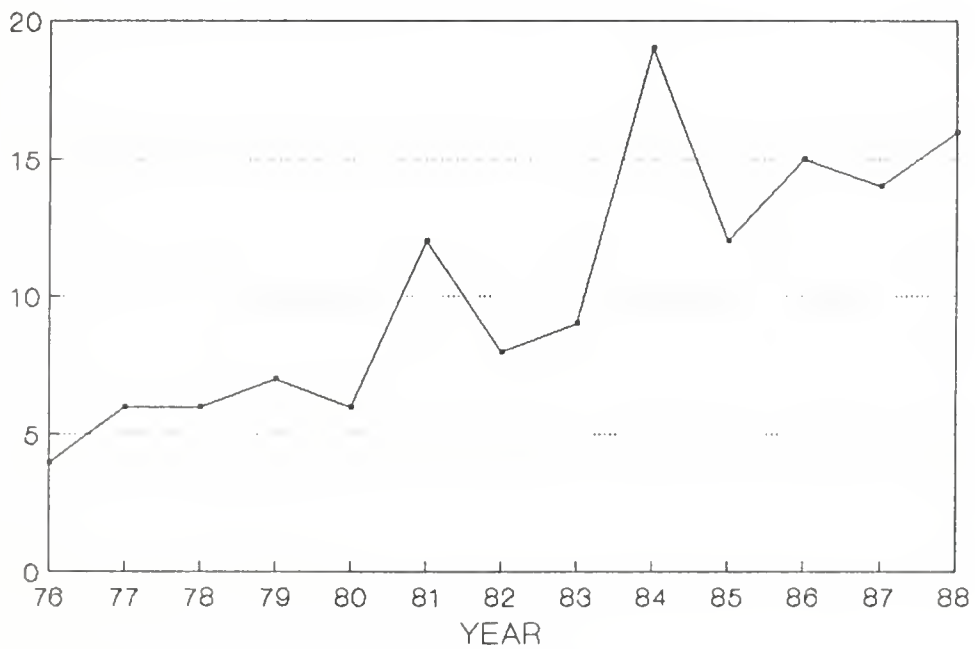


AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES* MANUFACTURING



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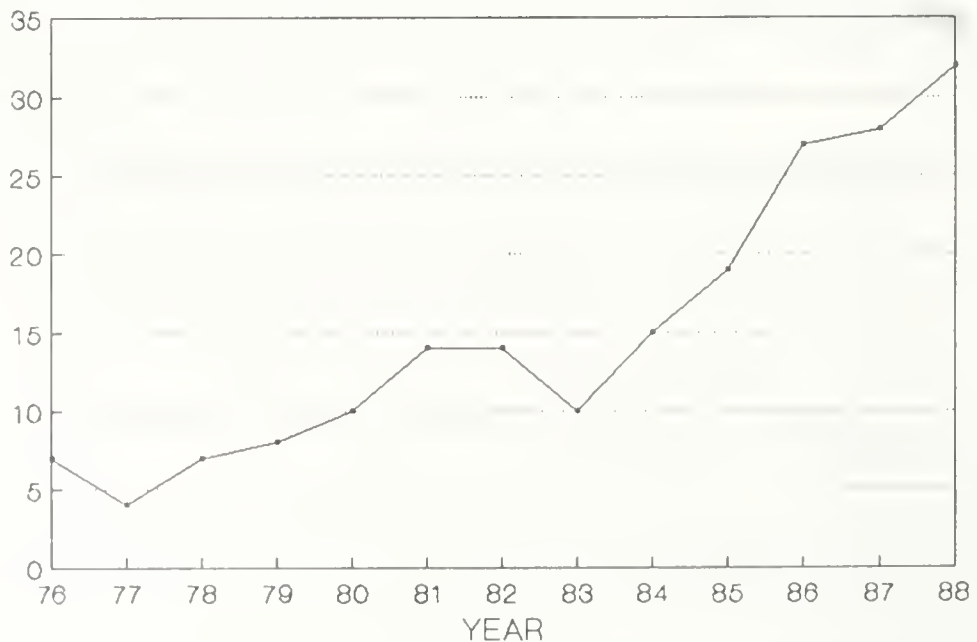


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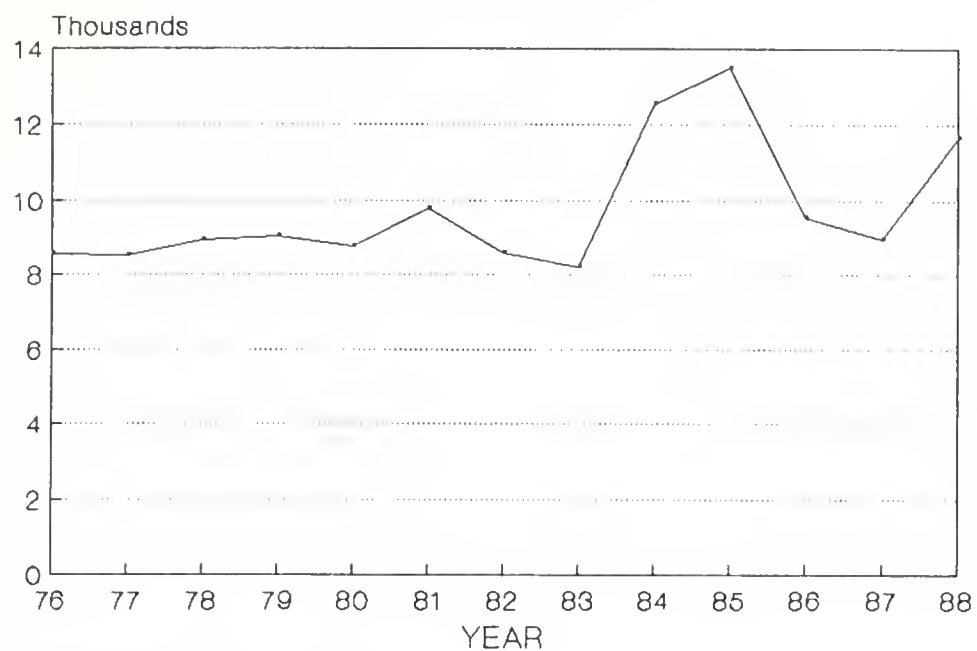


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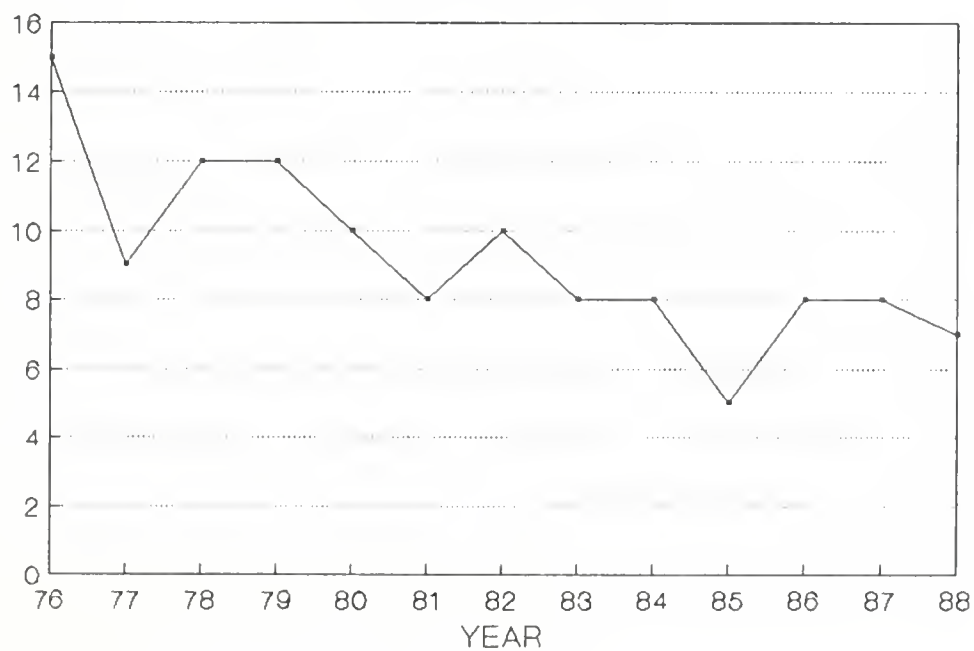


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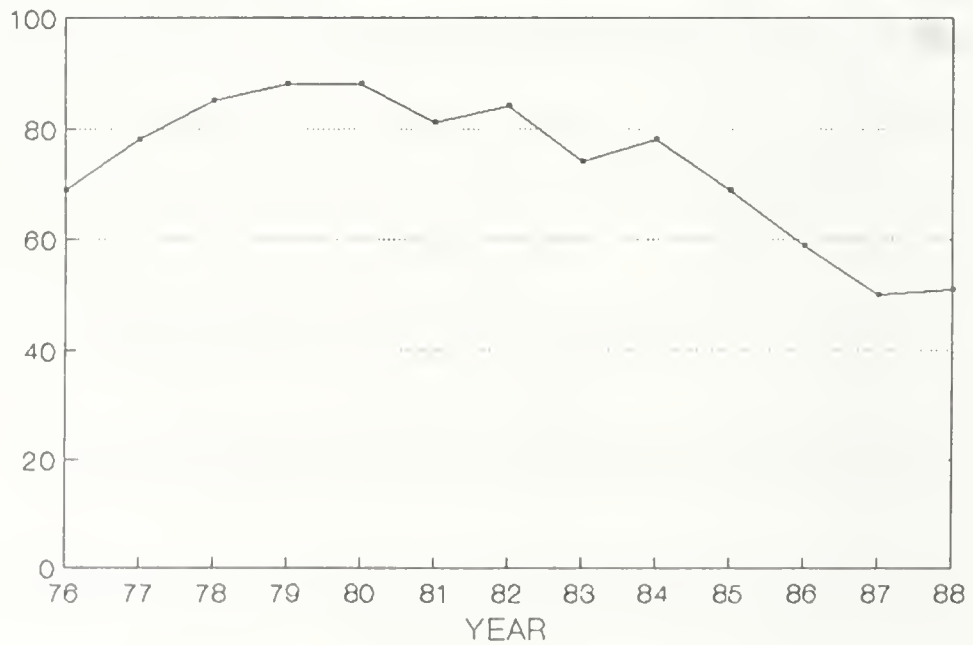


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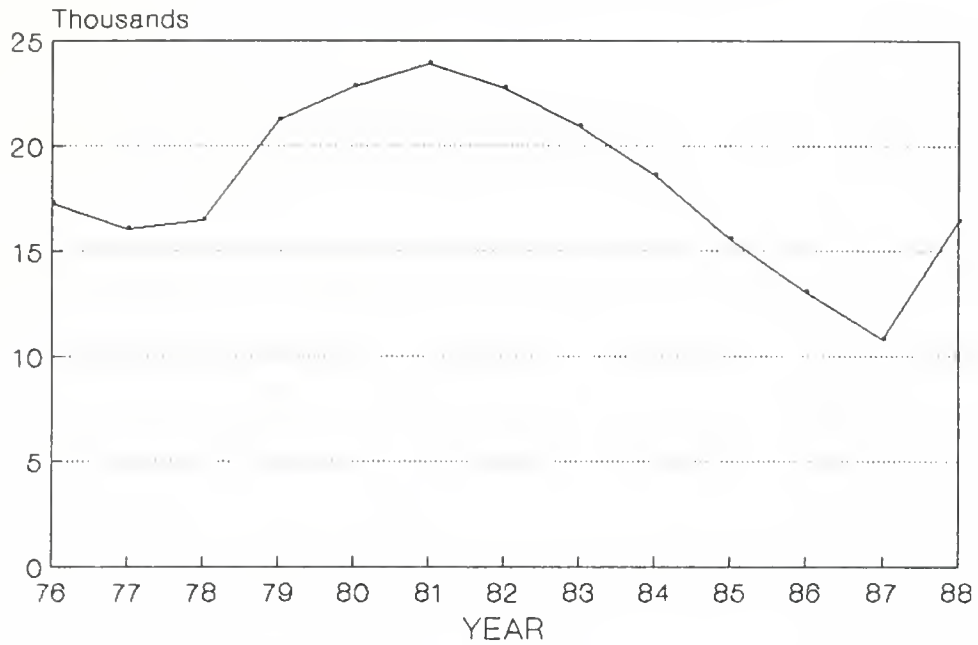


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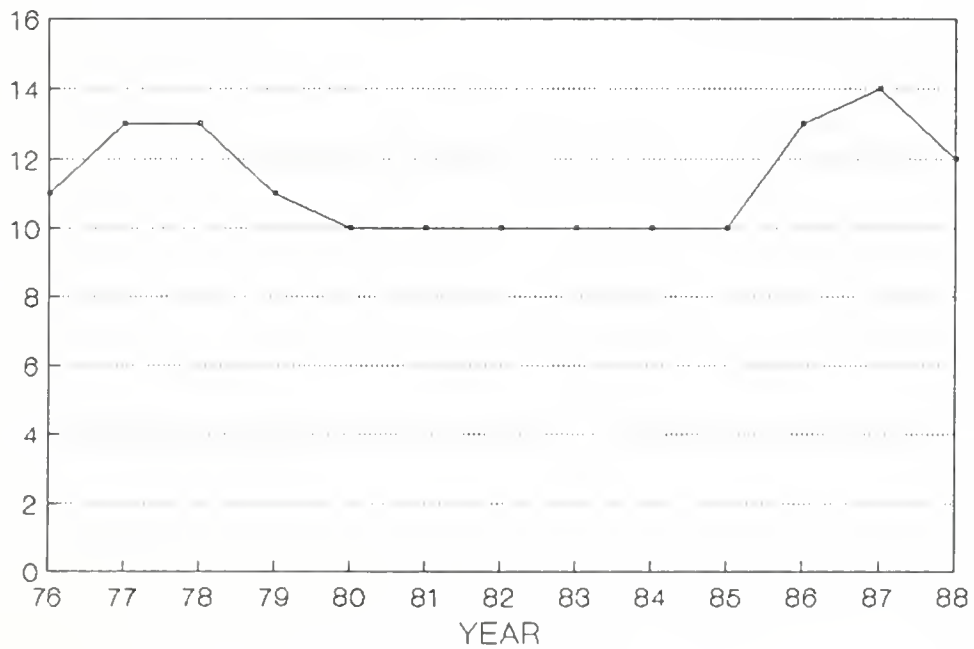


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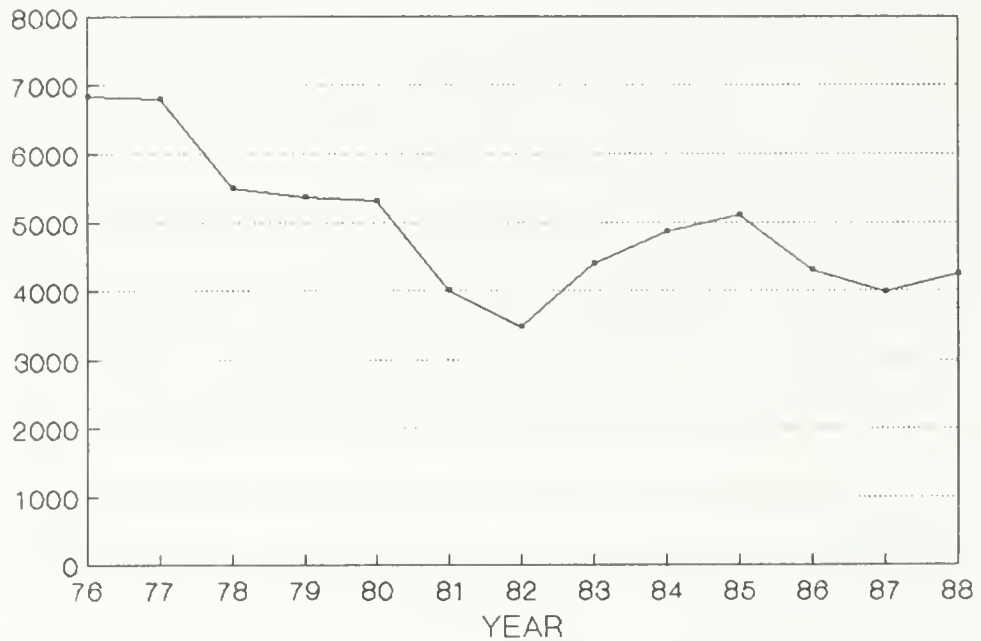


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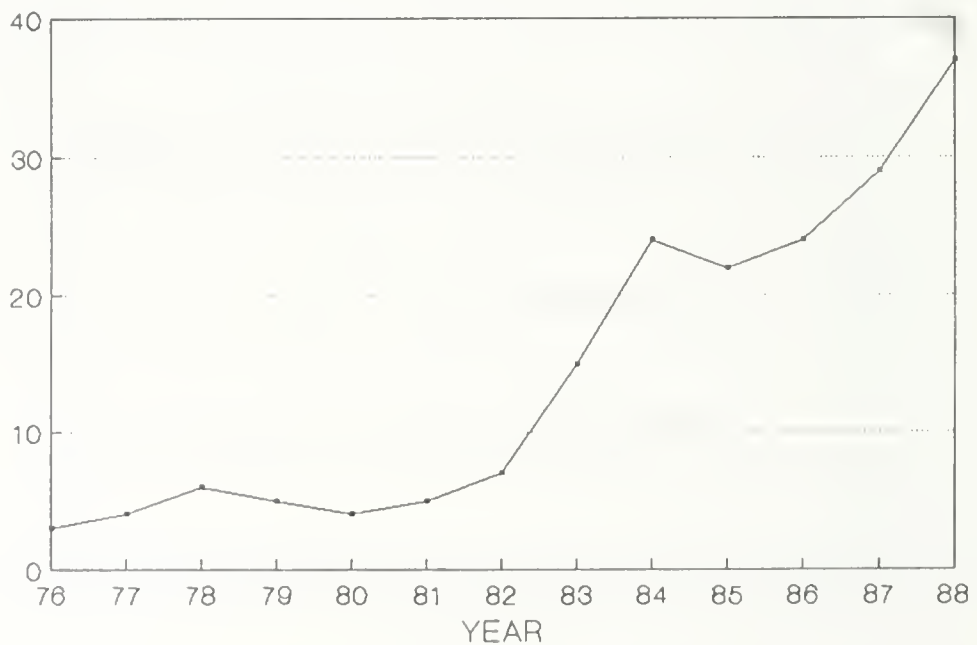


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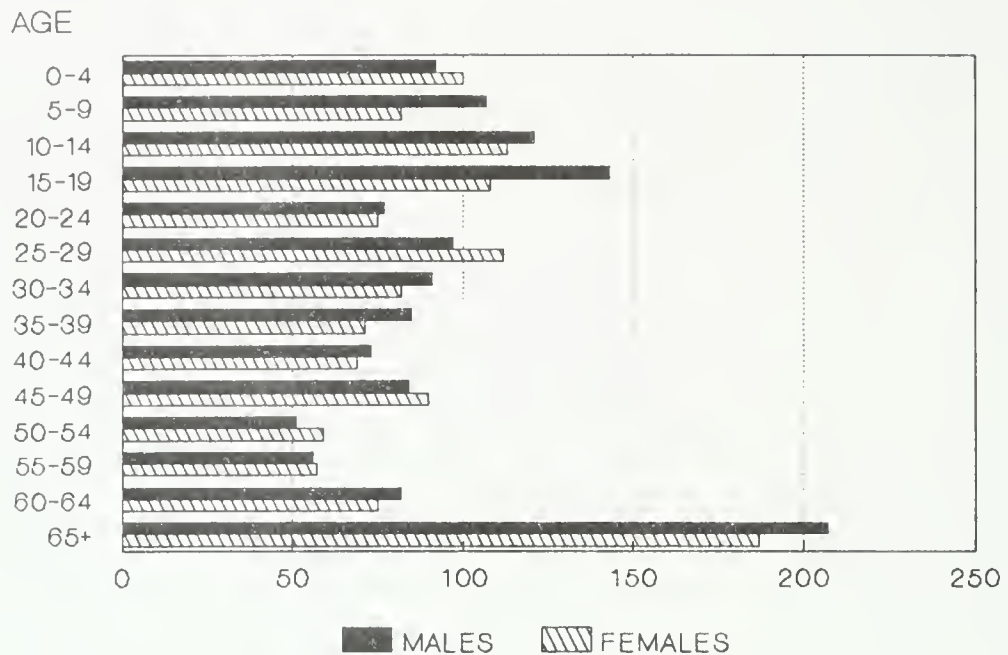
POPULATION COMPARISON

Judith Basin County and Montana

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MONTANA</u>	<u>JUDITH BASIN</u>	<u>% OF MT</u>
1988	805,000	2,500	0.3%
1987	809,000	2,500	0.3%
1986	819,000	2,600	0.3%
1980	786,690	2,646	0.3%
1970	694,409	2,667	0.4%
1960	674,767	3,085	0.5%
1950	591,024	3,200	0.5%
1940	559,456	3,655	0.7%
1930	537,606	5,238	1.0%

From 1930 to 1980 the population of Montana increased by 46% to 786,690. In 1988, Montana's estimated population was 805,000. The Judith Basin County population was 2,646 in 1980, almost half of its 1930 population. The county made up 1.0% of the state's total population in 1930 but only 0.3% in 1980. Estimated county population for 1988 was 2,500.

POPULATION COMPARISON BY SEX & AGE



The population of Judith Basin County is comprised of 1,366 males (median age 32.5) and 1,280 females (median age 33.0). The 15-19 year age group had 143 males and 108 females (52 males to 26 females at 18-19 years old). At ages 5-9 there were 25 more male than female children. The remaining age groups were more closely balanced.

COMMUTER PATTERNS (1980)

Judith Basin County Residents Who Work In:

Cascade County	16
Custer County	3
Fergus County	37
Judith Basin County	962
Lewis & Clark County	3
Meagher County	1
Rosebud County	3
Teton County	2
Wheatland County	8
Yellowstone County	2
Out of State	2
Not Reported	52
	1,091

Judith Basin County Workers Who Live In:

Cascade County	15
Chouteau County	3
Dawson County	8
Fergus County	19
Judith Basin County	962
Valley County	6
	1,013

In reports received from 1,039 Judith Basin residents who work, 92.6% (962) work in the county, 3.6% (37) work in Fergus County, and 1.5% (16) work in Cascade County. The remaining 2.3% (24) work out of state or in one of seven other Montana counties. Of 1,013 people working in Judith Basin County 95% reside in the county, 1.9% (19) live in Fergus County, 1.5% (15) live in Cascade County, and the remainder (17) live in three other Montana counties.

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